

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

For the Examiner's convenience all pending claims are presented herein. Those claims that remain unchanged by this amendment are prefixed with "(Unchanged)".

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for selecting the sources of at least two shows capable of being received and displayed by an entertainment system, comprising:
- receiving a first user-specified show selection;
 - displaying a first plurality of sources available for providing the first user-specified show selection;
 - [selecting for viewing, a first show associated with a first channel;
 - providing an identification of at least one first channel source comprising the first channel;]
 - [selecting] receiving a first user-specified source selection from the first plurality of sources [at least one first channel source];
 - displaying the first user-specified show selection [from] provided by the [selected] first user-specified source selection;
 - receiving a second user-specified show selection;
 - displaying a second plurality of sources available for providing the second user-specified show selection;
 - [selecting for viewing, a second show associated with a second channel;
 - providing an identification of at least one second channel source comprising the second channel;]

19 [selecting] receiving a second user-specified source selection from the second
20 plurality of sources [at least one second channel source];
21 displaying the second user-specified show [from] selection provided by the
22 [selected] second user-specified source selection.

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1 2. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein [said first user-specified source is
2 selected from a group consisting of:] the first plurality of sources comprises a
3 satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.

1 3. (Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein [said second user-specified source is
2 selected from a group consisting of:] the second plurality of sources comprises a
3 satellite-based station, a cable based station and a local station, and said second
4 user-specified source selection is [being] different from said first user-specified
5 source selection.

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1 4. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
2 loading programming data associated with the [selected] first [channel of the first
3 show] user-specified show selection into a memory of the entertainment system;
4 and
5 loading programming data associated with the [selected] second [channel of the
6 second show] user-specified show selection into the memory of the entertainment
7 system.

1 5. (Amended) The method of Claim 4, further comprising:
2 prompting selection of the first user-specified source selection and the second
3 user-specified source selection [shows corresponding to the first and second

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4 channels,] by executing software by a central processing unit, implemented within
5 the entertainment system, to produce a screen menu; and
6 wherein the step of selecting comprises selecting] receiving a first option grid
7 selection [of the screen menu] to load the corresponding programming data into
8 the memory and [selecting] receiving a second option grid selection [of the screen
9 menu] to load the corresponding programming data into the memory.

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1 6. (Amended) A method for selecting the user-specified sources of at least two
2 shows capable of being received and displayed by an entertainment system,
3 comprising:
4 receiving a first user-specified show selection;
5 displaying a first plurality of sources available for providing the first user-
6 specified show selection;
7 [selecting for viewing, a first show associated with a first channel;
8 providing an identification of at least one first channel source comprising the first
9 channel;]
10 [selecting] receiving a first user-specified source selection from the first plurality
11 of sources [at least one first channel source];
12 displaying the first user-specified show selection provided by [from] the
13 [selected] first user-specified source selection on a first portion of a display
14 screen;
15 receiving a second user-specified show selection;
16 displaying a second plurality of sources available for providing the second user-
17 specified show selection;

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18 [selecting for viewing, a second show associated with the second channel;
19 providing an identification of at least one second channel source comprising the
20 second channel;]
21 [selecting] receiving a second user-specified source selection from the second
22 plurality of sources [at least one second channel source]; and
23 concurrently displaying the second user-specified show [from] selection provided
24 by the [selected] second user-specified source selection on a second portion of the
25 display screen.

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1 7. (Amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein the first user-specified source
2 selection transmits broadcast signals [associated with the first show] using a first
3 coding technique.

1 8. (Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the second user-specified source
2 selection transmits broadcast signals [associated with the second show] using a
3 second coding technique that is different from the first coding technique.

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1 9. (Amended) The method of Claim 8, wherein the first and second coding
2 techniques are selected from a group [consisting of:] comprising amplitude
3 modulation, frequency modulation and phase modulation.

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1 10. (Amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein [said first user-specified source is
2 selected from a group consisting of:] the first plurality of sources comprises a
3 satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.

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1 11. (Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein [said second user-specified source is
2 selected from a group consisting of:] the second plurality of sources comprises a
3 satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, and said second
4 user-specified source selection is [being] different from said first user-specified
5 source selection.

1 12. (Amended) The method of Claim 6, further comprising:
2 loading programming data associated with the [selected] first [channel of the first
3 show] user-specified show selection into a memory of the entertainment system;
4 and
5 loading programming data associated with the [selected] second [channel of the
6 second show] user-specified show selection into the memory of the entertainment
7 system.

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1 13. (Amended) The method of Claim 12, further comprising:
2 prompting selection of the first user-specified source selection and the second
3 user-specified source selection [shows corresponding to the first and the second
4 channels,] by executing software by a central processing unit, implemented within
5 the entertainment system, to produce a screen menu; and [wherein the step of
6 selecting comprises selecting] receiving a first option grid selection [of the screen
7 menu] to load the corresponding programming data into the memory and
8 [selecting] receiving a second option grid selection [of the screen menu] to load
9 the corresponding programming data into the memory.

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1 14. (Amended) The method of Claim 7, further comprising recording of one of said
2 first and said second user-specified show selections [shows].

1 15. (Amended) The method of Claim 14, further comprising recording of the other
2 one of said first and said second user-specified show selections [shows].

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1 16. (Amended) An entertainment system comprising;
2 a display monitor; and
3 a broadcast receiver coupled to the display monitor, the broadcast receiver
4 including
5 a first front-end unit capable of receiving programming data to be viewed on the
6 display monitor, the programming data associated with a first user-specified show
7 selection provided by [broadcast via] a first [channel from a] user-specified
8 source selection from a first plurality of sources displayed for providing the first
9 user-specified show selection; [selected from among at least one first channel
10 sources provided that comprise the first channel.]
11 a second front-end unit capable of receiving programming data to be viewed on
12 the display monitor, the programming data associated with a second user-
13 specified show selection provided by [broadcast via] a second [channel from a]
14 user-specified source selection from a second plurality of sources displayed for
15 providing the second user-specified show selection; [selected from among the at
16 least one second channel sources provided that comprise the second channel.]
17 a plurality of memory elements, and a central processing unit coupled to the
18 plurality of memory elements, the central processing unit executing software to

19 assist the broadcast receiver in loading programming data associated with one of
20 either the first user-specified show selection or the second user-specified show
21 selection [a selected one of the first and the second shows] into one of the
22 plurality of memory elements along with information to display said first user-
23 specified show selection on the display monitor upon receiving a first show
24 selection signal, and to display said second user-specified show selection on the
25 display monitor upon receiving a second show selection signal, the first and
26 second user-specified show selections [shows] being displayed continuously.

P.E. 1 17. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the display monitor
2 includes a television receiver.

P.E. 1 18. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the broadcast
2 receiver includes an integrated receiver decoder.

09 1 19. (Amended) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the central processing
2 unit of the broadcast receiver executes software to provide a screen menu,
3 wherein a selection of a first option grid of the screen menu signals the central
4 processing unit to load a first programming data into the one on the plurality of
5 memory elements indicating that the first user-specified show selection is to be
6 displayed.

1 20. (Amended) The entertainment system of claim 19, wherein [upon] a selection of a
2 second option grid[,] signals the central processing unit [controls loading of] to
3 load a second programming data into the one of the plurality of memory elements
4 indicating that the second user-specified show selection is to be displayed.

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1 21. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the first user-
2 specified source selection transmits broadcast signals [associated with the first
3 show] using a first coding technique.

1 22. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 21, wherein the second user-
2 specified source selection transmits broadcast signals [associated with the second
3 show] using a second coding technique that is different from the first coding
4 technique.

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1 23. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 22, wherein the first and second
2 coding techniques are [selected] from a group [consisting of:] comprising
3 amplitude modulation, frequency modulation and phase modulation.

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1 24. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein [said first user-
2 specified source is selected from a group consisting of:] the first plurality of
3 sources comprises a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local
4 station.

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1 25. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 24, wherein [said second user-
2 specified source is selected from a group consisting of:] the second plurality of
3 sources comprises a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local
4 station, and said second user-specified source selection is [being] different from
5 said first user-specified source selection.

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5 26. (Amended) An entertainment system comprising:
a display monitor; and

8 a broadcast receiver coupled to the display monitor, the broadcast receiver
9 including
10 a first front-end unit capable of receiving programming data to be viewed on the
11 display monitor, the programming data associated with a first user-specified show
12 selection provided by [broadcast via] a first [channel from a] user-specified
13 source selection from a first plurality of sources displayed for providing the first
14 user-specified show selection; [selected from among at least one first channel
15 sources provided that comprise the first channel.]
16 a second front-end unit capable of receiving programming data to be viewed on a
17 display monitor, the programming data associated with a second user-selected
18 show selection provided by [broadcast via] a second [channel from a] user-
19 specified source selection from a second plurality of sources displayed for
20 providing the second user-specified show selection; [selected from among the at
21 least one second channel sources provided that comprise the second channel.]
22 a plurality of memory elements, and
23 a central processing unit coupled to the plurality of memory elements, the central
24 processing unit executing software to assist the broadcast receiver in loading
25 programming data associated with one of either the first user-specified show
26 selection or the second user-specified show selection [a selected one of the first
27 and the second shows] into one of the plurality of memory elements along with
28 information to concurrently display said [selected] first user-specified show
29 selection and said second user-specified show selection [shows,] on the display
30 monitor.

p.E. 31 27. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein the display monitor
32 includes a television receiver.

p.E. 33 28. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein the broadcast
34 receiver includes an integrated receiver decoder.

C14 35 29. (Amended) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein the central processing
36 unit of the broadcast receiver executes software to provide a screen menu,
37 wherein a selection of a first option grid of the screen menu signals the central
38 processing unit to load a first programming data into the one of the plurality of
39 memory elements indicating that the first user-specified show selection is to be
40 displayed.

41 30. (Amended) The entertainment system of claim 29, wherein [upon] a selection of a
42 second option grid[,] signals the central processing unit [controls loading of] to
43 load a second programming data into the one of the plurality of memory elements
44 indicating that the second user-specified show selection is to be displayed.

45 31. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 26, wherein the first user-
46 specified source selection transmits broadcast signals [associated with the first
47 show] using a first coding technique.

C15 48 32. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 31, wherein the second user-
49 specified source selection transmits broadcasts signals [associated with the second
50 show] using a second coding technique that is different from the first coding
51 technique.

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1 33. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 32, wherein the first and second
2 coding techniques are [selected] from a group [consisting of:] comprising
3 amplitude modulation, frequency modulation and phase modulation.

1 34. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 26, wherein [said first user-
2 specified source is selected from a group consisting of:] the first plurality of
3 sources comprises a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local
4 station.

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1 35. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 34, wherein [said second user-
2 specified source is selected from a group consisting of:] the second plurality of
3 sources comprises a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local
4 station, and said second user-specified source selection is [being] different from
5 said first user-specified source selection.

1 36. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 26, wherein the central processing
2 unit further executes software to record one of said first and said second user-
3 specified show selections [shows].

1 37. (Amended) The entertainment system of Claim 36, wherein the central processing
2 unit further executes software to record the other one of said first and said second
3 user-specified show selections [shows].

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1 38. (Amended) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver
2 concurrently directs the first user-specified show selection to the display monitor
3 to be viewed and [concurrently] to a recording device to be recorded.

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1 39. (Amended) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver
2 concurrently directs the first user-specified show selection to the display monitor
3 to be viewed and [concurrently] to a recording device to be recorded.

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1 40. The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver further
2 includes a cryptographic engine to decrypt data signals in accordance with at least
3 one cryptographic function.

Please add the following claims:

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1 41. (New) A method for selecting the sources of at least two selections capable of
2 being received and displayed, recorded or displayed and recorded by an
3 entertainment system comprising:
4 receiving a user-specified selection;
5 in response to receiving a user-specified selection, displaying a plurality of
6 sources available for providing the user-specified selection;
7 receiving a user-specified source selection from the first plurality of sources;
8 servicing the user-specified show selection provided by the user-specified source
9 selection.

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1 42. (New) The method of Claim 41 further comprising:
2 receiving a user-specified servicing selection; and wherein servicing the user-
3 specified selection is performed in accordance with the user-specified servicing
4 selection.

1 43. (New) The method of Claim 42 wherein the user-specified servicing selection is
2 one of either displaying, recording, or displaying and recording the user-specified
3 selection.

1 44. (New) The method of Claim 41 wherein the user-specified selection is a show.

1 45. (New) The method of Claim 41 wherein the user-specified selection is a station.

1 46. (New) A method for selecting the sources of at least two selections capable of
2 being received and displayed, recorded or displayed and recorded by an
3 entertainment system comprising:
4 receiving a plurality of user-specified selections;
5 in response to receiving the plurality of user-specified selections, displaying a
6 plurality of sources available for providing each of the plurality of user-specified
7 selections;
8 receiving a user-specified source selection for each of the plurality of user-
9 specified selections;
10 servicing each of the plurality of user-specified selections provided by its
11 corresponding user-specified source selection.

1 47. (New) The method of Claim 46 further comprising:
2 receiving a user-specified servicing selection for each of the plurality of user-
3 specified selections; and wherein servicing each of the plurality of user-specified
4 selection selections is performed in accordance with its corresponding user-
5 specified servicing selection.

1 48. (New) The method of Claim 47 wherein the user-specified servicing selection is
2 one of either displaying, recording, or displaying and recording.

1 49. (New) A method for selecting sources of specified programs comprising:
2 a user specifying a program;
3 displaying a plurality of sources that are capable of providing the specified
4 program;
5 the user selecting a source from the displayed plurality of sources; and
6 providing the specified program from the selected source.

1 50. (New) The method as set forth in claim 49, wherein providing is selected from the
2 group consisting of displaying the specified program and recording the specified
3 program.

1 51. (New) The method as set forth in claim 49, wherein the plurality of sources are
2 selected from the group consisting of a satellite-based station, a cable-based
3 station and a local station.

1 52. (New) The method as set forth in claim 49, wherein providing comprises
2 recording the specified program from the selected source, said method further
3 comprising:
4 the user specifying a second program;
5 displaying a plurality of sources that are capable of providing the specified second
6 program;
7 the user selecting a second source from the displayed plurality of sources; and
8 displaying the specified second program from the selected second source.